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REAGAN IS PRODDED TO CHOOSE CABINET

Aides Say He Is Forming Plans to
Announce Key Selections in
the Next Two Weeks

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3 — President-elect Ronald Reagan worked today on plans to make public the major choices for his Cabinet in a series of announcements to be spaced over the next week or 10 days, officials close to the transition said today.

By all accounts, Mr. Reagan was feeling heavy pressure to end the speculation and unofficial reports of his choices, particularly those coming from Republicans on Capitol Hill. But officials said that delays were being incurred because of the need for security clearances and the need by the prospective nominees to consult with their families, businesses and lawyers.

A top aide close to Mr. Reagan said today that although the President-elect had decided most of his Cabinet members as long ago as Nov. 24 at a meeting with his aides in Los Angeles, he had only begun to call his choices in the last few days. The aide said that some key Cabinet positions are still unfilled and that the inability of the President-elect and his aides to reach a decision also accounted for some of the delays.

'Not Completely Happy'

"We're not completely happy with what we've got so far," said one aide close to the decision-making process.

Nevertheless, knowledgeable officials said again today that the Mr. Reagan had settled on his top cabinet members. Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., former Commander of NATO forces, is said to be Mr. Reagan's choice for Secretary of State; Caspar W. Weinberger, a long-time aide and now vice president of the Bechtel Corporation, for Secretary of Defense; Walter B. Wriston, chairman of Citicorp, for Secretary of the Treasury, and William French Smith, Mr. Reagan's personal attorney, for Attorney General.

It was disclosed today that the leading candidate for Secretary of the Interior was Clifford P. Hansen, former Governor and Senator from Wyoming.

Reagan aides cautioned that these and other names, although considered the choices of the President-elect, could be thrown into question if problems arose as a result of security clearances and reservations by the nominees themselves over conflict of interest and other legal problems.

It was reported further today that one possible choice for Secretary of Labor was Ray Donovan, a businessman and construction firm executive who headed Mr. Reagan's campaign in New Jersey. Mr. Donovan was praised by Republicans for helping to get the support of construction workers and other blue-collar groups.

Aides continued to say today that Mr. Reagan had decided to pick Senator Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Knowledgeable officials also said that Drew Lewis, a Pennsylvania businessman who is now acting as liaison between the transition team and local governments, the business community and the Republican National Committee, would be Secretary of Transportation.

It was also reported that Mr. Reagan had decided to pick William J. Casey, chairman of his election campaign and former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as Director of Central Intelligence, and Representative David Stockman, a Michigan Republican, as Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Reagan in Seclusion

Mr. Reagan has been spending the last few days in seclusion at his home in the Pacific Palisades area on the coastal section of this city, except for visits from a few of his aides.

The President-elect has no scheduled plans to make any Cabinet announcements before he leaves for New York City on Monday, but aides said today it was possible that he could make some before then. One aide said Mr. Reagan could make some of the announcements in New York City itself.

The time-consuming process of establishing security clearances and making other checks by both the President-elect and the prospective cabinet nominees was expected to take most of this week.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that Mr. Reagan plans to use next week's trip to the East Coast for the same blend of official business and courtesy calls to both Democrats and Republicans that he adopted two weeks ago.